

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete, marked-up listing of revised claims with a status identifier in parenthesis, underlined text indicating insertions, and strike through and/or double-bracketed text indicating deletions.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selecting and reporting a potential participant for a medical project with selection criteria for patients, said method comprising:

determining if patient data associated with a patient has changed, the patient data being stored in a data processing system ~~and~~, the data processing system including data associated with a plurality of patients;

checking the patient data with respect to the selection criteria automatically if the determining step determines the patient data has changed;

selecting the patient associated with the patient data as a potential participant if the selection criteria are met; and

reporting the selected patient as a potential participant.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in order to conduct the medical project, an agreement of the participant is needed in which

when a patient is selected as a potential participant, the data processing system automatically generates a request asking for the participant's agreement,

the request is transmitted to the patient, and

in the event of an agreement, the patient is selected as a participant and reported.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the selection of a patient as a potential participant takes place during a treatment of the patient for a condition related to the medical project,

the request is generated during the treatment and transmitted to the patient, and

if the patient agrees, the treatment is continued on him as a participant in accordance with the medical project.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein rules of conduct are assigned to the medical project, and

when a patient is selected as a potential participant, the rules of conduct are reported.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein

when a patient is selected as a potential participant, the rules of conduct are assigned to the selected patient.

7. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the rules of conduct are transmitted to a workflow management system.
8. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein a clinical study is conducted as the medical project.
9. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in order to conduct the medical project, an agreement of the participant is needed in which

when a patient is selected as a potential participant, the data processing system automatically generates a request asking for the participant's agreement,

the request is transmitted to the patient, and

in the event of an agreement, the patient is selected as a participant and reported.
10. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein

the selection of a patient as a potential participant takes place during a treatment of the patient for a condition related to the medical project,

the request is generated during the treatment and transmitted to the patient, and

if the patient agrees, the treatment is continued on him as a participant in accordance with the medical project.

11. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
rules of conduct are assigned to the medical project, and
when a patient is selected as a potential participant, the rules of conduct
are reported.
12. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 11, wherein
when a patient is selected as a potential participant, the rules of conduct
are assigned to the selected patient.
13. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein
the rules of conduct are transmitted to a workflow management system.
14. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein
a clinical study is conducted as the medical project.

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